

There are two ways
for adopting a cat from
the Animal Rescue Network:

1. Visit our website then call us and leave a message at 514 938-6215, option 3. Make sure your message includes your name and phone number. The adoption coordinator will contact you as soon as possible to discuss your expectations and your needs.

An appointment to visit the shelter,
where you will surely find your
ideal companion, can then be set.

2. Come meet your new companion at one
of our adoption clinics! Thanks to the generous support of pet supply stores such as J.E. Mondou, Le Réveil du Maître, Natural Animal & Pawtisserie, Canin Félin Express, Centre Holistique Brandy's and Zouvrac, the Animal Rescue Network holds adoption days every weekend.

Check our website under the
"Events" link for a list of our
upcoming adoption days.



*"You become responsible, forever,
for what you have tamed."
- Antoine de St-Exupéry*

MAKE A DONATION!

In support of the Animal Rescue Network's mission, you can make a donation for which you can receive a tax receipt. Your contribution will help us to continue our efforts of helping abandoned and abused animals. Please send your cheque payable to **Animal Rescue Network** to the address at the bottom of this page. You can also donate online through the [CanadaHelps Website](http://www.canadahelps.org). *Donating online is easy and you avoid paperwork, envelopes and stamps.*



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*The largest no-kill
shelter for cats in Montreal*



**ADOPT
A NEW
COMPANION**



The **Animal Rescue Network** (A.R.N.) was founded in 1994 by Barbara Lisbona, who is still president of the organization.

Barbara started out as a volunteer for the S.P.C.A., but was quickly discouraged by the animal's low chances of being adopted. She started a foster home program and placed 700 cats and dogs from 1994 to 1995. Barbara left the S.P.C.A. with 35 cats that were to be euthanized. With the help of other S.P.C.A. volunteers and an apartment that was given to her, she founded the **Animal Rescue Network**.

The **Animal Rescue Network** is entirely run by volunteers, as it receives no government subsidies. Its mission is to find a loving home for each animal in its care.



Adopting a cat from the **Animal Rescue Network:** *What are the advantages?*

You make an important contribution to society.

By adopting a cat from a rescue organization, you will be making an important contribution to society. You can be satisfied knowing you made a generous gesture, instead of encouraging a business that aggravates the problem of animal overpopulation. Most puppy and cat mills as well as pet shops have doubtful ethical practices... Animals are kept under appalling conditions, are inbred, and are sold very young, before they are weaned. Also, these organizations often operate illegally, leaving the customer without proof or protection; they forge breed certificates and vaccination records, and eliminate animal surpluses in a cruel and immoral manner. Adopting a cat from a shelter such as the **Animal Rescue Network** is a sound choice!

You give a cat a second chance.

Did you know that adopting a kitten isn't always the best option? When people decide to adopt a cat, they are more often than not attracted to a kitten's charm, but this feeling doesn't last. Deciding to adopt an adult cat that is already house-trained, calm, and affectionate has many advantages. Besides not having to go through the training phase, you also avoid some surprises, as you have the opportunity to see the cat's personality before you adopt it. Meeting a kitten won't tell you much about its future personality, but you will quickly see if an adult cat is compatible with your lifestyle.

Seeing an animal blossom and enjoy the comfort of a good home brings much satisfaction and great joy. Shelters such as the **Animal Rescue Network** are filled with animals just waiting to be adopted!

You save.

Adopting from a shelter is more economical than buying from a pet store. Our adoption fee for cats are \$130, which includes vaccination, sterilization, and medical insurance for 30 days. When you buy from a pet shop, sterilization and vaccination of a kitten can cost between \$250 and \$300.

As the **Animal Rescue Network** doesn't receive any government subsidies and is run entirely by volunteers and relies on donations, these fees allow us to give the necessary care to our animals.

That being said, the savings should not be the first motive for adopting from a shelter. The standard costs of caring for an animal (food, visits to the veterinarian, grooming, etc.) should be considered before deciding to adopt.

Adopting an animal is a generous gesture that should not be taken lightly. When you decide to adopt an animal, it implies the animal will depend on you, and you will be RESPONSIBLE for that animal.

